by the International Monetary Fund regarding overspending by developing countries which had received assistance from the International Monetary Fund.

Loan melas during the Current Year

*55. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the nationalised banks have plans to conduct a number of loan melas during the current year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the banks take decisions in this regard in consultation with the State Governments; and

(d) the number of loan melas that are proposed to be conducted in West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The public sector banks organise credit camps as a part of the overall measures undertaken by them to bring about accelerated credit assistance to weaker sections and such camps are held in various parts of the country primarily keeping in view the gap in the availability of credit to weaker sections and co-operation forth-coming from the local authorities.

(c) and (d) At national level, there is no formulation of any plan either State-wise or bank-wise for credit camps which are organised by the banks with the co-operation of local officials particularly the ones connected with the implementation of subsidy linked credit schemes. As such, it is not possible to indicate the number of credit camps likely to be held in West Bengal during the current year.

Denial of the Right to Family Pension

*56. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the right of family pension is denied to the women who marry Government servants after such Government servants retire under the plea that the marriages took place after retirement;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to repeal such rule, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. For the purpose of admissibility of family pension, the definition of 'family' include wife in the case of a male Government servant or husband in the case of a female Government servant, provided the marriage took place before retirement of the Government servant. The rationalisation of the definition of 'family' for the purpose of various benefits available to a Government servant is under consideration.

Programmes from the Bombay Doordarshan

*57. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bombay Doordarshan telecast its programmes in the regional language in Maharashtra;

(b) whether it is a fact that about 90 percent coverage in respect of news and other items is given to the Bombay viewer only; and

(c) if so, what measures Government propose to take to give the same coverage to the viewers of Vidarbha, Marathwada, Western Maharashtra and Konkan and other rural areas of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Increase in the cost of colour TV sets

*58. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of colour TV sets has recently gone up in the country; and

(b) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Following the increase of excise duty on Colour TV sets of screen size above 36 cms and having a value exceeding Rs. 5000, the consumer price of a number of such CTV sets has gone up by Rs. 250 plus local taxes.

Separate service cadres for AIR and Doordarshan

*59. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to have separate cadres for the Programmes, Engineering and Administration for All India Radio and Doordarshan, which hitherto have been common;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, and

(c) whether Government have also decided to freeze all cases of promotion and also recruitment to these cadres till bifurcation is complete?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Computerisation in Banks

*60. PROF. C. LAKSHAMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently an agreement on computerisation and mechanisation in Indian banks has been reached between the Indian Banks' Association and the representatives of the bank employees;

(b) if so, the extent to which such mechanisation and computerisation is proposed to be introduced in the accounting and other processes of the banks in the country;

(c) whether Government have made any study for the computerisation in the banks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In terms of the settlement, "Advanced Ledger Posting Machines" (ALPMS)/"Advanced Electronic Accounting Machines" (AEAMS) can be installed at certain branches of the bank in metropolitan and other urban centres for the following functions:—

(i) Current Accounts including Overdraft Accounts,